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International Coffee Day

International Coffee Day is an occasion that is used to promote and celebrate coffee as a beverage, with events now occurring in places across the world. The first official date was 1 October 2015, as agreed by the International Coffee Organization and was launched in Milan. USEFUL INFO Theme 2019 'Coffee's future needs you'.

World Vegetarian Day

World Vegetarian Day is observed annually around the planet on October 1. It is a day of celebration established by the North American Vegetarian Society in 1977 and endorsed by the International Vegetarian Union in 1978.

International Day of Non-Violence

The International Day of Non-Violence is observed on 2 October, the birthday of Mahatma Gandhi. The United Nations General Assembly on June 15, 2007 has declared the 2nd October as International Day of Non-Violence.

Smriti Irani Inaugurates India's Largest 'Charkha' Made of Waste Plastic in Noida

India's largest 'charkha' (spinning wheel) made of used plastic waste was inaugurated on the eve of Mahatma Gandhi's 150th birth anniversary. The 1,650-kg spinning wheel was inaugurated by Union Minister Smriti Irani, Gautam Buddha Nagar MP Mahesh Sharma, Noida MLA Pankaj Singh and Noida Authority CEO Ritu Maheshwari. The spinning wheel has been installed in Sector 94 near the Mahamaya flyover. The 'charkha', which symbolises Gandhi's dream of Swadeshi (self-sufficing and self-reliance), measures 14ft, 20ft and 8ft and is made of 1,250 kg of used plastic. The charkha has been recognised as the largest made of used plastic waste in the country by India Book of Records.

PPF, NSC, SSY and other small savings schemes' interest rates remain unchanged



Post office savings schemes or small savings schemes interest rates have been kept unchanged for the third quarter of the current financial year, i.e., 2019-20. All small savings schemes including PPF (Public Provident Fund), NSC (National Savings Certificate), SSY (Sukanya Samridhi Yojana) and others will continue to fetch same interest rate between October and December quarter of FY 2019-20 as they were earning during the July to September quarter. In the previous quarter, government had reduced the interest rate on these schemes by 10 basis points (1 basis point = 0.01 per cent) for the all the schemes except for savings account interest rate.

Public sector banks in India to have uniform timings across all states

Public sector banks will now have uniform timings across all states as per a new directive issued by the Indian Department of Financial Services. Customer banking hours will now be from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm in all public sector banks from 1 October 2019. Lunch hours, irrespective of business timings, will be from 2:00 pm to 2:30 pm. The only exceptions to the new rule are the states of Mizoram, Nagaland and Madhya Pradesh. In Mizoram and Nagaland, banks will operate from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm and in Madhya Pradesh, bank timings are 10:30 am to 4:30 pm.

Economist Surjit S Bhalla appointed as Executive Director for India at IMF

Economist Surjit S Bhalla was appointed as the Executive Director for India at the International Monetary Fund (IMF). Bhalla (71) will succeed former RBI deputy governor Subir Gokarn, who died in the US on July 30 after a brief illness.

Writer Caroline Criado Perez wins Royal Society Science Book Prize 2019

A British feminist, activist and journalist, Caroline Criado Perez has won the Royal Society Science Book Prize 2019 (sponsored by Insight Investment) for her 2nd book 'Invisible Women: Exposing Data Bias in a World Designed for Men' at an awards ceremony at the Royal Society, London, United Kingdom (UK). She also received a cheque amounting £25,000.



Minor Planet Named After Pandit Jasraj,

First Indian Musician to Receive this Honour A minor planet, between Mars and Jupiter, has been named after Pandit Jasraj, the doyen of Indian classical vocal music. International Astronomical Union (IAU) has named minor planet 2006 VP32 (number -300128), discovered on November 11, 2006 , as 'Panditjasraj'. 'Panditjasraj' traverses the cosmos between the orbits of Mars and Jupiter.

Bhavani Devi clinches silver in Belgium meet

Indian fencer C. A. Bhavani Devi clinched the silver medal in the women's sabre individual category in the Tournoi satellite competition (World level) at Ghent, Belgium. Bhavani continued that she has another eight competitions - World Cup, Grand Prix and satellite events -lined up until the end of March that will be considered for Olympic qualification. The top two players from the Asian zone in the World rankings will qualify for the 2020 Olympics to be held in Tokyo, Japan